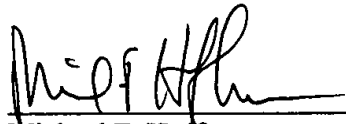


### REMARKS

Claims 19-38 have been presented for prosecution and claims 12-18 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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